Section of the Act.	Subject matter.	Powers to be exercised by the Joint Committee jointly with the Ministry of Labour.
30 (1) (a).	Claims for pensions.	Power to prescribe the manner in which claims to pension may be made.
30 (1) (ġ).	Application of National Health Insurance (Prolongation of In- surance) Act, 1921.	Power to make Regulations applying with the necessary modifications to deposit contributors the provisions of the National Health Insurance (Prolongation of Insurance) Act, 1921.
38 (4).	Contributions during un- employment.	Power to prescribe the time within which and the conditions subject to which certain employed contributors over 60 (55 in the case of women) may pay contributions when unemployed as if they were voluntary contributors.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour this ninth day of November, in the year One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

(L.S.)

H. Conacher,

Secretary to the Ministry of Labour.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee consents to these Regulations.

Given under the Official Seal of the National Health Insurance Joint Committee this 9th day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

(L.S.)

W. F. Wackrill,

Secretary to the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

Procedure on References.

Made by the Ministry of Labour under Section 30 (1) (b) of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925.

1925. No. 116.

The Ministry of Labour, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 30 of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Contributory Pensions (Procedure on References) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1925.
- 2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - "The Act" means the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925;
 - "The Ministry" means the Ministry of Labour;
 - "The Umpire" means the Umpire appointed by the Governor of Northern Ireland, and "The Registrar" means the Registrar of Appeals appointed by the Ministry;
 - "Award" means an award or decision of the Ministry which may be referred to the Umpire under sub-section (2) of Section 29 of the Act;
 - "Hearing" means oral hearing.
- (2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- 3. Any person who is dissatisfied with an award and desires that the question shall be referred, shall make application in that behalf in writing to the Registrar.
- 4.—(1) The application for a reference shall contain a concise statement of the facts and contentions upon which the applicant intends to rely.
- (2) Any person desiring to withdraw an application for reference may do so by sending to the Registrar a notice of withdrawal.
- 5. The Registrar shall furnish the Ministry with a copy of the application for a reference, and the Ministry shall within twenty-one days supply to the Registrar, a statement showing to what extent it admits or disputes the facts stated in the application, and setting out any further facts and the contentions upon which it intends to rely at the hearing.
- 6. The Umpire may at any time require the applicant or the Ministry to furnish to him in writing further particulars with respect to the reference, and may at any stage of the proceedings allow the amendment of any application, statement, or particulars and extend the time for furnishing any statement or particulars upon such terms as he may think just.
- 7. If the Umpire is of opinion that the case is of such a nature that it can properly be determined without a hearing, he may dispense with a hearing and may determine the reference summarily.
- 8. If in the opinion of the Umpire a hearing is required he shall, as soon as may be, fix a date and place for the hearing, and the Registrar shall send to the applicant and to the Ministry

not less than seven days' notice thereof and shall at the same time send to each of the parties copies of any statement or further particulars received from the other party.

- 9.—(1) The applicant may appear at the hearing in person or by any member of his family or by any other representative, including counsel or solicitor.
- (2) The Ministry may be represented at the hearing by such officer of the Ministry as may be appointed for the purpose.
- (3) The Umpire may adjourn the hearing from time to time as he may think fit.
- (4) The Umpire may, if he thinks fit, admit any duly authenticated written statement or other material as prima facie evidence of any fact or facts in any case in which, having regard to the question of costs or otherwise, he thinks it just and proper so to do.
- 10. If after notice of a hearing has been duly given either of the parties fails to appear at the hearing, such order or award may be made, and such proceedings may be taken with a view to the disposing of, or in reference to, the application as the Umpire may think just.
- 11. The decision of the Umpire on a reference shall be in writing signed by him, and a copy of the decision shall be sent, as soon as may be, to the applicant and to the Ministry.
- 12. The provisions in reference to arbitration of the Common Law Procedure Amendment Act (Ireland), 1856, shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to a reference under these Regulations as if the reference were a reference under a submission and as if the Umpire were the arbitrator and the parties to the reference and all persons claiming through them respectively shall, subject to any legal objection, submit to be examined by the Umpire on oath or affirmation in relation to the matters in dispute, and shall produce before the Umpire all bonds, deeds, papers, accounts, writings and documents within their possession or power respectively, which may be required or called for, and do all other things which during the proceedings the Umpire may require, and upon such reference the Umpire shall have power to enlarge the time for making an award and to correct any clerical mistake or error arising from any accidental slip or omission therein, and either to fix the amount of the costs of the said reference and the award consequent thereon or to direct the same to be taxed either as between solicitor and client or otherwise, and to award when and by whom such costs shall be paid.
- 13. The forms set out in the Schedule to these Regulations, or forms to the like effect, may be used in all cases to which those forms are applicable.

SCHEDULE.

FORMS.

FORM 1.

WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

APPLICATION FOR REFERENCE.

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I, of being dissatisfied with the award or decision of the Ministry of Labour given on the day of 19, in connection with my claim for hereby apply for the question to be submitted to the Umpire for determination.

The facts and contentions upon which I rely in support of my application are set forth in the Particulars hereto attached.

Dated this day of , 19 . (Signed).....

APPLICANT'S PARTICULARS.

[Here set out a concise statement of the facts and contentions upon which the applicant relies. A copy of the Ministry's award or decision must be furnished, and the date on which notification of the award or decision was received by the Applicant must be stated.]

FORM 2.

WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

NOTIFICATION OF REFERENCE.

To the Ministry of Labour.

Take Notice that , of , being dissatisfied with the award or decision given on , in connection with his (her) claim for has applied for the question to be submitted to the Umpire for determination.

A copy of the application is enclosed.

The Ministry is hereby required to set out upon the accompanying form, or in a form to the like effect, particulars in reply in accordance with the instructions thereon, and to return the form to the Registrar of Appeals before the

[This form to be filled up, detached and returned to the Registrar of Appeals so as to reach him before the day of ,19 .]

STATEMENT BY MINISTRY.

Re.....

[Here set out a concise statement of the facts and contentions upon which the Ministry intends to rely at the hearing.]

To the Registrar of Appeals.

FORM 3.

WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

Notice of Hearing of Reference under Section 29 (2) of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925.

1925. In the matter of an application for a Reference by Take notice that the Umpire appointed by the Governor of Northern Ireland will proceed with the hearing of the above appeal at the day of , 19 . at the hour \mathbf{of} o'clock in the noon; and that if you do not attend either in person or by your duly-authorised representative at the time and place above-mentioned, such order or award will be made and proceedings taken as the Umpire may think just and expedient. day of Dated this (Signed)..... Registrar of Appeals.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Labour this 30th day of November, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

H. Conacher,

(L.S.)

Secretary to the Ministry of Labour.

Workmen's Compensation Notification.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR UNDER SECTIONS 25 AND 30 OF THE WIDOWS', ORPHANS' AND OLD AGE CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1925.

1925. No. 118.

The Ministry of Labour in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 25 of the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act (Northern Ireland), 1925, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—